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PATENT APPLICATION  
10/762,856

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alvaro E. Retana et al.  
Serial No.: 10/762,856  
Filed: January 21, 2004  
Group No.: 2616  
Examiner: Duc Chi Ho  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: July 13, 2007  
Confirmation No.: 5925  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE  
FLOODING OF INFORMATION IN A NETWORK  
ENVIRONMENT

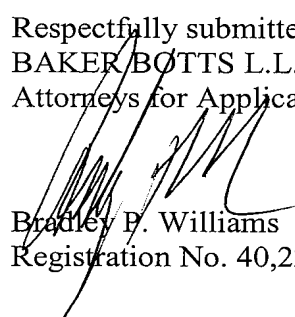
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-8, 10-17, 19-24 and 26-31. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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